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**Application No.: 10/659,560**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 3, 4, and 6-8, without prejudice or disclaimer. A complete listing of the claims of this application follows.

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A vibration absorbing material, comprising:  
a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;  
a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the ~~am~~ aramid aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms an imperforate sheet disposed within the second elastomeric layer; and  
a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A vibration absorbing material, comprising:  
a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;

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a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the ~~am~~ aramid aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms a plurality of individual strips that are substantially parallel to each other; and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

Claim 5 (Original): The material of claim 4, wherein the plurality of individual strips are generally equally sized.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A vibration absorbing material, comprising:  
a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the ~~am~~ aramid aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms a plurality of individual strips of different sizes that are substantially parallel to each other; and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

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**Claim 7 (Currently Amended):** A vibration absorbing material, comprising:  
a first layer adapted to absorb vibration and being formed of an elastomer substantially free of voids therein;  
a second layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of different sizes, wherein the ~~am~~ aramid aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second layer being substantially free of voids therein;  
a third layer formed by a vibration absorbing elastomer material disposed on the second layer, the third layer being substantially free of voids.

**Claim 8 (Currently Amended):** A vibration absorbing material, comprising:  
a first elastomer layer adapted to absorb vibration and being substantially free of voids therein;  
a second elastomer layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of generally equal sizes, wherein the ~~am~~ aramid aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second

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elastomer layer being substantially free of voids therein, the plurality of individual  
aramid strips being generally parallel to each other; and  
a third elastomer layer that is substantially free of voids.